

REMARKS

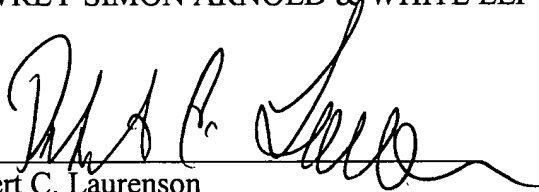
The specification has been amended by deleting a reference to the present application in the Related Applications section, and by adding a reference to a provisional application entitled "Receive-Side Packet Processing System" in the Related Applications section. The provisional application is being filed concurrently with the present application.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Howrey Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Howrey Dkt. No. 02453.0027.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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